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REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the claims and specification to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

1. Examiner's Rejection of Claims 1-2, 7, 11-18, 26, 35-36, 43-45, and 47-75 under 35

U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

a.) Claim element "rapid ignition means for initiating combustion", in Claim 1, has been amended to comply with the requirements for a "means plus function" limitation, as provided for in 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. In particular, the terminology of the claimed element has been changed to more closely describe the element's function.

b.) Paragraphs [0035], [0036] and [0037] of the written description of the specification have been amended to expressly recite the corresponding structure for the claimed function, without introducing any new matter. In addition, a definition of the term "rapid", as used in the specification and in the claims, has been added to paragraph [0035] for clarity. The term "fuel composition" has been replaced with "fuel Component", to provide continuity with other parts of the specification and claims that refer to the same element.

c.) Paragraph [0075] of the written description is amended to correspond with the clarifying definition of the term "rapid" in amended paragraph [0035].

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3. Claims 13, 47, 48 and 49 have been amended to use the same terminology as the amended independent claim upon which they depend.

4. Claims 45 and 51-75 have been cancelled.

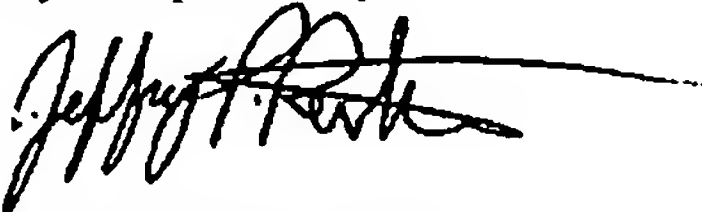
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTIVE ASSISTANCE

Applicant has amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible without the need for further proceedings.

Very Respectfully,



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